GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2439
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2001
ACCIDENT IN COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a): the names of coal mines of different companies where incidents of fire or water took place during each of the last three years and the reasons therefor;

(b): the loss of coal and revenue suffered by each company during the above period, mine-wise;

(c): the number of foreign agencies engaged by the Government in rescue operation during the said period and the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(d): whether the Government propose to import latest technology for the safety of mines;

(e): if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(f): whether the investigation reports of coal-mine accidents have been licking dust with coal companies as reported in the Hindi daily Hindustan dated February 4, 2001;
(g): if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and
(h): the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a)&(b): The details are furnished in the Annexure.

(c) : No foreign agency was engaged in rescue operation by Coal India during the period under report.

(d) & (e) : Imported roof bolting machine is proposed to be tried in underground mines of SECL to improve efficiency and quality of roof bolting for roof support. In WCL imported pneumatic roof bolting machine and resin bolting for faster roof bolting is under trial. Powered support longwall technology, where safety, productivity and production is greater has been adopted in three mines of SECL.

(f): No, Sir.

(g) & (h): The question does not arise, in view of answer to (f) above.

Annexure

Annexure refer to part (a) and (b) of Lok-Sabha Un-starred Question No. 2439 for 13.03.2001

Details of incidents of fire and water took place during 1998, 1999 and 2000 in different Companies of Coal India resulting in loss of coal and revenue:

Year	Name of Mine	Nature of Incident	Reason of coal	Loss of Revenue	Loss of	Remarks
CCL						
2000	Bhurkunda fire due to Colliery heating	Fire Incident of	spontaneous	Approx 25,000 lakhs	Rs.7	-
2000	Ashoka	Water	Incident of	Nil	Rs.2	Mine has

OCP	water inrush		crores	been recovered	
NCL					
1998,1999 & 2000	No such incidents have taken place in the mines of NCL during these years				
MCL					
1998, 1999, & 2000	Talcher Colliery	Fire in Talcher Colliery was due to self-heating in the fallen coal. The fire was extinguished immediately and the fallen coal removed.	The incidence of spontaneous heating at	Nil	Nil -
1998,1999 & 2000	There was no incident of water and therefore loss of coal and revenue during the years is Nil.				
NEC					
1998-99	Ledo Colliery	Fire due to spontaneous heating/fire in 20 ft. District. The area was sealed off.	-	-	-
1999-2000	Ledo Colliery	Water seepage of water from coal beyond pumping capacity, the working got drowned for two and a half months	Due to increase in	Nil	Rs.60 lakhs -
WCL					
1998	CRC	Fire detected and area sealed off.	Spontaneous heating was the fire had died down	-	- Re-opened for extracti on of coal after